

## School Courts Update

**£36K LTA GRANT OBTAINED - £16K RAISED BY THE CLUB**

### **£8K TO GO**

#### **Great news but our Members' support still needed**

This April saw the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Highgate with the opening of four fantastic new tournament-standard courts. This is a really great achievement, and reflects the lengthy and determined efforts of a small team of club members. The team's full vision for the courts has always been for them to be floodlit.

The great news to report is that after further negotiations, the majority of the funding for these floodlights has been secured and the works should proceed in October 2009.

The Club now needs your backing. What's in it for you? Lots more floodlit tennis, particularly through the autumn and winter months.

#### **Present Position**

The LTA have promised us a grant of £36,000 towards the overall floodlighting cost of approximately £60,000 with work due to start in October 2009. That leaves **£24,000** for the Club to contribute. So far we have received donations of **£7.5k**, a fantastic **£8k** from the October Auction and a further **£600** from the HPT Fun Day. So we're well on the way but still have another £8k to go. The LTA have offered us a £12k loan at 1% above Coutt's base rate but we would prefer to raise these funds now instead of committing the Club to paying back a loan over five years.

The Club is now set to obtain four more floodlit courts for use starting this autumn and continuing through at least the next twenty years. However, we need to raise the money to make this happen.

#### **What difference will floodlights make?**

Floodlighting four courts will give us up to 3,640 hours more tennis per year. This will massively increase court availability at peak evening periods. Capacity for social play, ladders, hitting, winter leagues and coaching will almost double.

#### **What we need? - £8k more please.**

Haringey has already put £120,000 into resurfacing the courts; the school made up the rest and also paid for the colour coat that Members now enjoy. We need as many Members as possible to contribute to make this happen. After the support we have received from the LTA, Haringey and the school, we need to demonstrate our commitment to the project. Please give as generously as you can so we can meet our share of the costs and a big thank you to those who have contributed.

#### **Why CASC donations?**

Using the CASC form allows your Club to obtain a contribution from the tax office of 22% on top of your donation. There is also an option on the form to pledge a future contribution if you are unable to pay now.

Payments can be made electronically, by cash or by cheque. To pay electronically use the following details: Account Name: Highgate CASC; Sort Code: 205851; Account Number: 23606473 (please use your initials and surname as reference). Please email Club Treasurer Nick Harvey at [nickharveytennis@hotmail.com](mailto:nickharveytennis@hotmail.com) if you want further information.

The Club has always been committed to low cost affordable tennis for all. With this in mind we want to take advantage of this new opportunity in 2009 which will benefit the Club for at least the next twenty years. We would like the Club to raise as much as possible by way of donations between now and the end of October 2009. We hope that you will dig deep and make your donations or pledges as generously as you can.